

# U.S. Citizens Endangered in Two U Boat Attacks on Unarmed Steamships

While Department Skinner Message to Germany Word Comes of Shipping Disasters Due to Illegal Acts of German Submarine Commanders.

## CASES WILL BE INCLUDED IN INDICTMENT

President Prepares to Consult Both Republicans and Democrats Before Taking Final Action on the Submarine Issue; to Hold Conference.

**WASHINGTON, April 15.**—An American, John D. Harrison, Chicago, was on the steamer Margam Abbey, sunk without warning, April 8, American Consul-General Skinner today cabled the state department. Harrison was rescued. This was the first advice to the state department that the sinking of the Margam Abbey involved any American citizens. Harrison was a steward on the vessel, which, the American consul at Cardiff, Wales, reported to Mr. Skinner, was sunk 85 miles south of Lizard Head, England, by a submarine without warning.

**WASHINGTON, April 15.**—While President Wilson and Secretary Lansing today were engaged in marshaling the accumulation of evidence that Germany in her submarine warfare had violated solemn pledges given to the United States, official word of two more shipping disasters apparently due to illegal acts by German submarine commanders, was received at the state department.

Consular dispatches indicated that the steamer Margam Abbey was attacked without warning April 8, and that the Aberdeen bark, Inverlyon, was sunk by shell fire after the crew had been forced into the small boats more than one hundred miles from shore. Americans were aboard both ships and were endangered.

**Still Investigating.** These two cases are being investigated and may be included in the American indictment of German methods of conducting submarine warfare, which it was understood tonight, probably will be ready for transmission to Berlin early next week.

It became known here tonight that the contemplated action of the United States is being watched closely by the diplomatic representatives of other neutral nations. So far, however, the United States has declined to act jointly with other neutrals, not only in regard to the submarine question, but on other subjects as well. It was said tonight by a high official of the administration that the American government saw no need for joint action in the present situation.

It was reiterated tonight that before taking the action contemplated the president would consult with congressional leaders. It was indicated that Republicans as well as Democrats would be called into the conference.

**Meetings to Close Sunday.** Special to The World. MIAMI, Okla., April 15.—The Hamilton revival meetings that have been going on at Miami for the past seven weeks will close this Sunday with a great rally day program. Sunday, men and women will come from all the smaller towns and bring their families and camp all day at the tabernacle where one great last meeting will be held.

# GOVERNOR'S HOUSE IS A LONG WAY OFF

And Yet Wilson Hesitates About Accepting Job at Normal.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, April 15.**—Although the matter had been mentioned to him by two members of the state board of education, State Superintendent R. H. Wilson today would not deny or affirm he would accept the presidency of the Central State normal at Edmond. President Charles Evans, who has been at the head of the school for the past four years, resigned recently to accept the presidency of Kendall college at Tulsa. Superintendent Wilson has served little more than a year on his second term as state superintendent. It was his ambition at one time to be governor of Oklahoma, and it has been intimated that he might become a candidate at the end of his present term. Members of the board of education here a few days ago talked over the matter of his becoming head of the Edmond normal, but he gave them no definite answer at that time. The board meets on April 26 and 27, at which time they will consider election of a president for the school. It is possible that Wilson will have made up his mind one way or the other by that time.

# Scores of Happy Children are Guests of Tulsa People on Free Auto Ride and Picnic at Park, Yesterday



—Photo made especially for The World by Clarence Jack.

Three hundred youngsters, many of them crippled, but all happy-faced, had a great time yesterday and the free outing and picnic, promoted by the Town Critic and The World, was a big success. The day dawned with ominous clouds in the sky, but by noon it had turned fairly warm and later on the sun came out. Due to diligent work of Frank Haver and Mrs. R. F. MacArthur, a sufficient number of automobiles were on hand to haul all the children. Many of them were sent to the homes of crippled kiddies to pick the little ones up. Three or four of the addresses could not be reached on the state of impassable streets, and this was the only thing that tended to mar the event in the least. Adjutant Hickman of the Salvation Army had two dozen of "his" children out. All the Detention home kiddies were "in on" the fun, as well as a number from the Deaconess' home. Nearly every street in the city was toured by the well-loaded autos and they wound up in beautiful Owen park at 3:30 o'clock, where members of The World staff and others served ten gallons of ice cream, in cones, and cookies. The ice cream was donated by the Purdy Ice Cream company and the cookies by the National Biscuit company. Many society women in handsome electric helped make the affair a success, and the Town Critic is a happy man.

## MEET TO ARRANGE PLAN FOR VOTING

Session of Republican Committee at Oklahoma City April 22.

## REGISTRATION TOPIC

County Central Committees Will Be Appraised of Action Taken.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, April 15.—For the purpose of discussing plans and arranging some definite system for the registration of voters, Arthur H. Geissler, chairman of the state Republican committee, has called a meeting of the committee to be held at the Skirvin hotel on Saturday, April 22, at 1:30 o'clock. The state chairman especially urges that every member of the committee be present, and in addition to the members of the state committee, chairman of county central committees and every Republican who desires is invited to attend the meeting. It is very probable that at the meeting of the state committee arrangements will be made for holding meetings of the county central committees of each county during the following week.

## NO VACATIONS FOR KENDALL COLLEGE

Subsequent to the visit of Charles Evans, president-elect of Kendall college, yesterday, it was announced that there would be no Easter or spring vacation this year. Monday, the regular holiday for the students, will have to suffice for the usual week's vacation.

The nonconformance to the custom was occasioned partly because Kendall stages a dual debate with Durant normal school April 21 and plays the Oklahoma Aggies baseball nine April 22, both of which events will take place in Tulsa.

**Call Good Roads Meeting.** Special to The World. MIAMI, Okla., April 15.—A call has been issued to the entire county for a meeting of good roads men to be held at Miami, Tuesday, April 18, at 2 o'clock in the county courtroom. This is a meeting of wide importance and has been called to perfect the organization already formed. Dr. W. L. McWilliams is the present chairman of the county organization and E. L. Neff of Afton is secretary. Doctor McWilliams issued the call.

**Favor Negro Bishop.** SARATOGA, N. Y., April 15.—The clergymen of the Troy Methodist conference today endorsed a proposed amendment to the church constitution permitting the appointment of negro bishops. The laymen yesterday opposed such a change.

**It's Usual Remark.** Master Bliton—Pa, what does money say when talks? Bliton, sr. (speaking from personal experience)—Good by!

## Persians Burn A Christian

**WAUKESHA, Wis., April 15.**—Dr. Joseph Shimoon, a former student of Carroll college, Waukesha, and who was a member of the 1903 class of the Jefferson college, Philadelphia, Pa., was burned at the stake and beheaded in Persia, according to advices reaching here from Philadelphia. No date was given in the reports, but they show that Mr. Shimoon was seized at Urm, Persia, by Turks who tried to compel him to acknowledge Islam. Upon his refusal and statement that "Jesus is my savior" he was seized, burned to death and beheaded.

## TULSA TO ASSIST IN PREPAREDNESS

Naval Consulting Board Appoints M. M. Valerius to Assist Survey.

**THE** name of M. M. Valerius of this city, a petroleum and mining geologist with offices in the Clinton building, heads a list of four prominent Oklahomans who will assist the United States government in making a complete survey of manufacturing and producing resources as a first step toward industrial preparedness. The announcement was made yesterday by the committee on industrial preparedness of the naval consulting board.

Other members of the Oklahoma board appointed to serve with Valerius are C. V. Hinkley, Oklahoma City; H. V. Bozell, and Edwin DeBarr of Norman. Mr. Valerius announced yesterday that he has called a meeting to be held next Friday at which time the other members will be present and plans will be formulated for carrying on the work in this state.

**Associated Press Report.** Following is the Associated Press dispatch received from New York last night:

**NEW YORK, April 15.**—The names of 250 prominent engineers, who are to organize state boards throughout the country to make a complete survey of American manufacturing and producing resources as a first step toward industrial preparedness, were announced tonight by the committee on industrial preparedness, were announced tonight.

## GUARD OFFICERS TO DRAW \$500 YEARLY

Guardsmen Must Also Take Oath to Obey President, Senate Provides.

## ARE ARMY MEASURES

Amendment Introduced to Provide Schools to Train Reserve Officers.

**WASHINGTON, April 15.**—Two more provisions designed to strengthen the federal status of the national guard were put into the senate army bill today. In the course of a debate enlivened by charges that federal funds provided the national guard in past years had been thrown away foolishly and in some cases embezzled, the senate adopted amendments providing that all officers of the guard above the rank of captain be paid \$500 a year by the federal government and that all guardsmen on enlistment be required to take an oath to obey orders from the president as well as the governor of their respective states.

The attack on guard officers for their use of federal funds was made by Senator Borah in a speech opposing the federal amendment for federal protection. The Idaho senator declared the \$8,000,000 available annually for use of the guard under the Dick militia law had been "shamefully" utilized by officers to the exclusion of enlisted men and that some of it had been "embezzled." Senators Reed, Pomeroy and others defended the guardsmen and the federal pay amendment was adopted, 41 to 14.

**Cites Report.** To support his charge, Senator Borah cited the annual report of the war department on the expenditure of the militia fund. Among the cases he cited were:

"Camp of instruction, Alabama, 1912: 'Troops in attendance never in excess of one regiment; duration twenty days. Amount paid to the members of the staff department of its state who were not members of the regiments participating, \$2,822.12.'"

"Camp of instruction, Mississippi, 1912: 'Enlisted men participating never were at any time in excess of two hundred. Total payments to officers staff department, \$1,999.45. Duration of encampment twenty days. Total funds disbursed in maintenance during the latter, including pay of rifle team in 1911, was \$12,669.28, of which \$9,881.28 was paid to officers and \$4,889.39 to enlisted men. At camp of instruction in 1912 the total pay of officers was \$3,317.47; enlisted men, \$1,999.45.'"

The state directors, who will serve (Continued on Page Two.)

# Won't Withdraw Troops From Mexico but Agrees to Limit Scope of Chase

Polite but Firm Reply Will Be Sent to General Carranza Informing Him That Cordial Co-operation Is Expected of De Facto Government.

## 2 AMERICANS AND 40 MEXICANS KILLED

Official Communication From General Funston to the Effect That Parral Attack Was "Unprovoked" and on Unarmed Americans.

## NEXT WEEK SET FOR OPENING OF LIBRARY

Magnificent Structure, Handsomely Appointed, Now Ready.

## IS A CARNEGIE GIFT

Miss Alma McGlenn Will Be Librarian, With One Assistant.

**TULSA'S** new \$75,000 Carnegie library is now ready for occupancy and probably will be opened the first of next week. Furniture and equipment arrived last week and has been properly installed, leaving only the moving of books from the old quarters before the doors are thrown open.

No definite action has been taken on the opening date, but it is hardly probable that the institution will be given to the public this week. A meeting of the library board will be held soon to decide this matter as well as the program to be followed at that time.

The library building was built at a cost of \$55,000, which was donated by Andrew Carnegie. The city bought the site and agreed to maintain the institution. The furniture also was purchased out of local library funds.

The building is situated at the intersection of Third and Cheyenne streets, facing on Cheyenne with an impressive entrance. The building is of white stone.

**Will Be Social Center.** The structure is designed not only for a library, but as an intellectual center. In addition to every department of the modern library there are spacious quarters for art gallery, club rooms, assembly hall and museum.

Upon entering through the wide front way there is a main stairway which leads into the lobby and two flights at the sides by which the sub-story can be reached.

Directly across the door is the main desk where books are received and distributed. This desk is one of the most complete articles in the equipment, having been donated by Mrs. Van Dyke. Back of the desk, showing in memory of her mother, Mrs. J. P. Seaman, who first agitated the question of a library in 1894, The desk has built into it card files, book slip drawers, and every sort of case needed by the library.

**Can Double Capacity.** Behind this are the general book racks, contributing largely to the capacity of the library, which is fifty thousand volumes. The racks are made of steel, giving a maximum of shelves with minimum of space consumed. This space extends into the second story, it being arranged so that racks can be put on top of the (Continued on Page Two.)

**Receipts Show Increase.** Special to The World. MIAMI, Okla., April 15.—Postmaster Faulkenbury issued a statement showing the large increase of receipts in the Miami office of the first quarter of the year 1916 over the corresponding quarter of the year 1915. The receipts of the local office for the first quarter of 1915 ending March 31 amounted to \$314.27 against receipts of \$2,605.22 for the same period last year. This shows a gain of \$545.05 for just three months, which is nearly twenty per cent. Each quarter of the year 1915 just passed showed a steady increase and this year promises to surpass last year by quite a good per cent. The looks of the first quarter report.

**German Ship Sunk.** STOCKHOLM, via London, April 15.—(7:15 p. m.)—The German steamship Hispania, laden with briguettes, was sunk last night by a mine near Handham, south of Stockholm. The crew was saved.

**There are two German steamers of the name of Hispania, one 2,544 tons gross and the other 2,581 tons.**

**Subs Busy Again.** YMCIDEN, Netherlands, April 15. The Danish schooner Proven, from Setubal, Portugal, for Gothenburg, Sweden, was sunk by a German submarine. The crew was landed here today. Before being picked up the sailors were adrift in an open boat for 56 hours.

## WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Wilson has decided to inform General Carranza in response to his request for withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico that the United States will negotiate for an agreement along these lines:

The United States government is willing to agree to fix a limit on the distance the American troops now in pursuit of Villa shall proceed into Mexico and to make that limit not much further south than the troops already have proceeded.

The United States government is willing to give assurances that the American troops will be withdrawn within "a reasonable time," or as soon as it is established definitely that Villa has reached a point where he can be dealt with better by the Carranza forces.

**Complete Reply.** These points, it became known here tonight, were discussed fully at yesterday's cabinet meeting. The president's advisers are said to have agreed on such a course in the belief that it would make stronger the chances of catching Villa. A reply to General Carranza is said to be virtually completed and is expected to go forward in a very short time.

Meaning the pursuit of Villa by the American troops will continue. Secretary Baker sharply outlined this today in a formal statement.

The status of the expedition into Mexico is as it was at the beginning, in cordial co-operation with the de facto government of Mexico," he said. "That co-operation continues and the expedition continues. There has been no change in the orders and none is in contemplation."

**Desire Co-operation.** Secretary Baker and other officials had stress on the fact that co-operation of the Carranza troops was regarded as an important element and negotiations for an agreement with the idea that the Carranza would strengthen Carranza at home and at the same time make easier the task of catching Villa.

The lines of communication of the American troops following Villa already have been lengthened to the point where sending supplies has become difficult and it is realized here that it would be extremely hazardous for them to go much further.

No military dispatches were given out today except one from General Funston, saying he had not heard from General Pershing for three days. General Funston added that he was trying to obtain from the front an authentic report of what had occurred at Parral, where American troops were fired on Wednesday, by Mexican civilians.

**Rumor of Second Attack.** Much importance is attached to this report in view of the negotiations with Carranza. Although the long delay and an unconfirmed report today of a second attack on the Americans, near Parral, caused uneasiness in some quarters, Secretary Baker shares the hope that failure to receive an official report thus far indicates that the American commander con-

## NAME REGISTRAR FOR THIS COUNTY

Secretary of State Election Board Appoints T. L. Wallace.

**SECRETARY** Joe Morris of the state election board yesterday appointed T. L. Wallace, a local attorney, as registrar for Tulsa county, under the new registration law passed at the special session of the state legislature.

Mr. Wallace will this week appoint a deputy registration official in each of the forty precincts in the city and county. These men will be responsible for the registration in their respective precincts, and all will be under the jurisdiction of the registrar.

The registration will take place from May 1 to 19, inclusive, and voters who fail to register during this period will be deprived of their right of suffrage for four years.

A. A. Small, chairman of the county Republican committee, called on Mr. Wallace yesterday and discussed the forthcoming registration. The Republicans will make an earnest effort to have all voters of that faith register during the ten-day period, and to that end Mr. Small has called a special meeting of the county com-

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